

COUNTY OF PLACER FISH & GAME COMMISSION

Ed King Deputy Agricultural Commissioner County Contact

11477 E AVENUE AUBURN, CALIFORNIA 95603 TELEPHONE: (530) 889-7372 FAX: (530) 823-1698 www.placer.ca.gov

FISH & GAME COMMISSION MEMBERS

DISTRICT 1
Don Gould Mark Fowler
DISTRICT3
Robert Haswell Gary Flanagan
DISTRICT 5
Kari Freidig Ron Salter
DISTRICT 5

Mickey Daniels

PLACER COUNTY
FISH & GAME COMMISSION

Minutes

TIME/DATE: 7:00 P.M. WEDNESDAY, April 25th, 2012

LOCATION: PLACER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ROOM

Community Development Resource Agency, DeWitt Center, Auburn 3091 County Center Drive (corner of Bell Road and Richardson Drive),

The Placer County Fish & Game Commission is committed to ensuring that persons with disabilities are provided the resources to participate fully in its public meetings. If you are hearing impaired, we have listening devices available. If you require additional disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Recording Secretary at (530) 889-7372. If requested, the agenda shall be provided in appropriate alternative formats to persons with disabilities. All requests must be received at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting for which you are requesting accommodation. Requests received after such time will be accommodated only if time permits.

- I. CALL TO ORDER Gary Flanagan, Chair
- II. ROLL CALL –Kari Freidig, Ron Salter, Don Gould, Mickey Daniels, Gary Flanagan

Not present Mark Fowler, Robert Haswell

III. APPROVAL OF Minutes for March 28th, 2012 and Agenda for April 25th, 2012

Commissioner Gould motioned to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Freidig seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted to accept the agenda.

Commissioner Flanagan clarified that the Sherriff's office would consider funding 33% of the game warden position.

Commissioner Freidig motioned to accept the minutes from February 22, 2012 with the stipulation that they change the wording changed from indicated to consider.

Commissioner Salter seconded the motion

All commissioners voted to accept the minutes.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Individuals may address the Commission on items under the jurisdiction of the Agricultural Commission not included on this agenda for no longer than five (5) minutes. **No action can be taken on items addressed under Public Comment**

Ann Bryant - stated that the Bear league is a satellite program of Lake Tahoe Wildlife Care based in El Dorado County. Disagrees with DFG's findings that only 30% of wild animal relocations are successful and believes success rate is closer to 70%.

Indicated there have been recent bear break-ins in South Lake Tahoe. Ann anticipates a bad year for them because of the limited snowfall.

V. FINANCIAL REPORT A. Budget Update – Ed King

Expenditures to date for FY 11/12 total \$7,718.15, including \$5,000 in grant awards, \$1,086.66 in commissioner's fees, \$600.00 in secretary fees and \$1,019.01 in mileage reimbursement. Budgeted expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year total \$2,651.85.

Revenues to date total \$400.51, including \$209.88 in fine monies and \$190.63 in interest. A total of \$1,200.00 was budgeted for the current fiscal year.

Ed communicated that a supplemental budget request was submitted for \$5,400 to cover future commission operating expenses.

VI. AGENCY REPORTS A. Commission Updates

Commissioner Salter attended the Central Sierra Fish and Game Commissioner's meeting in Nevada City. Debbi Byrne from the Yuba County Fish and Game Commission reported on DFG's strategic vision evaluation. The strategic vision executive committee adopted final recommendations from the blue ribbon citizen commission and stakeholder advisory group. Commissioner Salter reported that Rick Bulloch from California Outdoor Heritage Association wants to track DFG funding.

Field Trip to Red-Legged Frog Habitat in Placer County-Commissioner Flanagan.

Commissioner Flanagan indicated that several commissioners will attend. Commissioners Daniels and Haswell will not be able to make it. They will be meeting at Starbucks at the Foresthill exit in Auburn at 1pm on May 3rd.

Commissioner Flanagan met with Protect American River Canyon, PARC, and Placer Land Trust. Working to get the American River classified as a Wild and Scenic River. In addition, this will help them develop access for this area.

B. California Department of Fish & Game – Lt. John Lawson

Lt. John Lawson is at the Sierra County Fish & Game Commission meeting tonight.

C. Nevada Irrigation District - Sue Sindt

None

Non-Action Items

VII. Update on Placer Legacy/Placer County Conservation Plan-Loren Clark, Assistant Director, Community Development Resource Agency (CDRA)

Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) will provide 50 year permit coverage for several permits. It will cover about 20,000 acres.

PCWA, City of Lincoln, SPRTA and Placer County are among the participating PCCP agencies.

PCCP covers the foothills from around 1500' in elevation to the valley floor and is bordered by two major rivers (Bear and the American). Looking at the salmon and steelhead streams.

Looking at the streams at the watershed level. The county is working with Sutter County on salmon and steelhead streams as they cross Sutter County before entering Placer County.

PCCP is evaluating 31 species:

- 15 birds
- 2 retiles
- 3 amphibians
- 2 fish
- 4 invertebrates
- 5 plants

PCCP aims to coordinate and centralize federal, state and local government planning. When the PCCP is approved, federal and state agencies transfer the ability to issue of permits to the local governments. This does not change the impacts to the environment, only in how it managed.

Displayed the growth in Placer County—224K people, 153K jobs. Urban footprint is about 10% of the total landscape.

Foothills are predominately Blue Oak Woodlands. The communities are more fragmented.

PCCP assesses the landscape to pick higher value areas in terms of diversity. Showed a map of where anticipated growth will occur and where preferred conservation should occur. This appears to be the north and west areas of the county.

Restoration is primary focused on the valley floor. An example was Auburn Ravine water basin.

There are costs associated with this work. It will cost about \$8 million per year to maintain conservation lands.

Grant money is good for buying and fixing lands, but none for the on-going maintenance of conservation lands.

Placer Legacy -

Non-regulatory, voluntary program created in June of 2000 to protect open space and wildlife habitat in Placer County.

Objectives:

- Maintain a viable agricultural segment of the economy. It is not only protecting, but also making it a viable business
- Conserve natural features necessare for access to a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities.
- Preserve the diversity of the plant and animal communities;
- Protect endangered and other special status plant an animal species.
- Ensure public safety
- Retain important scenic and historic areas

Hidden Falls Regional Park Site on Coon Creek – 220 arces open to the public.

Slides covered the areas that are under conservation. Waddle Ranch is one of the largest land purchases.

Demonstrated how the various organizations are working together to preserve and enable access to the conservation areas.

On Coon Creek they did a levee pull back project. Coon Creek is a primary area of conservation.

Public comment: Alan Eberhart – asked the commission to consider supporting a possible restoration project to improve fish passage in Doty Ravine where Garden Bar Rd crosses Doty Creek.

Action Items

VIII. Discuss and possible vote on a letter to the BOS regarding last month's presentation by Foothill Anglers Collation recommending the creation of a Recreational Access Trail along the Bear River Corridor from Highway 20 to Rollins Lake

Commissioners discussed the presentation from the March meeting. Commissioner Flanagan drafted a letter of support for the proposed trail project ahead of the meeting in the interest of saving time. He then proceeded to read the letter to the commission and public.

Commissioner Gould motioned to correct the FERC relicensing statement in the letter to read Yuba-Bear/Drum-Spaulding and then forward the letter to the Placer County Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Salter seconded the motion.

All commissioners voted to support the motion.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT at 8:30 pm
- X. Next meeting will be Wednesday May 23rd, 2012